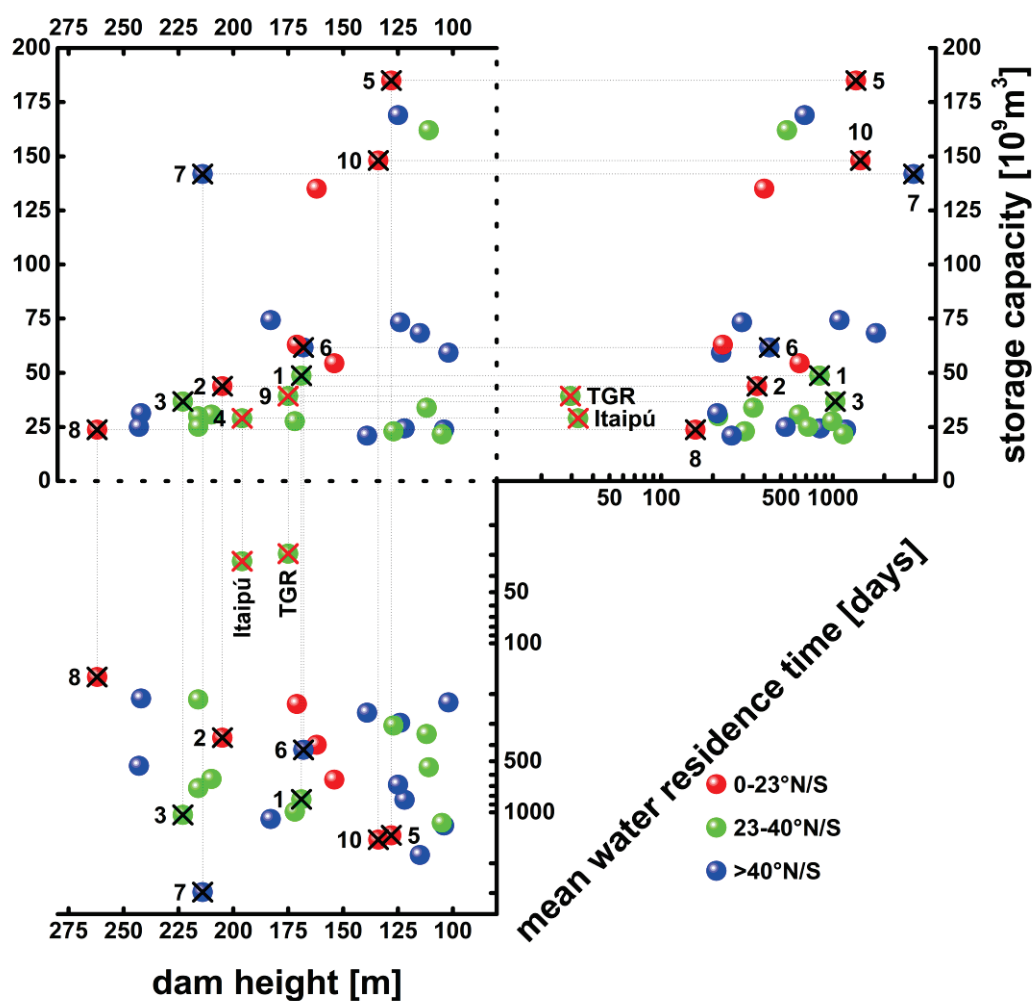


Electronic Supplementary Information



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| No. | Dam name | Country | Year | Dam and Reservoir dimensions | | | | Reservoir Classification | | | | | References |
|----------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | Dam height [m] | Res. vol. [10 ⁹ m ³] | Res. area [km ²] | ∅ depth [m] | MWRT [days] | Geographic | Trophic | Mixing | WLF [m] | |
| 1 | Atatürk | Turkey | 1992 | 169 | 49 | 817 | 60 | 838 long | 37°N sub-tropical | eutrophic | n.a. | n.a. | 41,43,50 |
| 2 | Bakun | Malaysia | 2011 | 205 | 44 | 695 | 63 | 362 intermediate | 3°N tropical | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 41,44,46 |
| 3 | Hoover | USA | 1935 | 223 | 37 | 635 | 58 | 1035 long | 36°N sub-tropical | mesotrophic | monomictic | 7 | 41,43,47 |
| 4 | Itaipú | Brazil/Paraguay | 1983 | 196 | 29 | 1350 | 21 | 33 intermediate | 25°S sub-tropical | oligotrophic | polymictic | 1 | 41,43,44,45,48 |
| 5 | Kariba | Zimbabwe/Zambia | 1959 | 128 | 185 | 5540 | 33 | 1367 long | 17°N tropical | mesotrophic | monomictic | 3 | 41,43,44 |
| 6 | La Grande 2 | Canada | 1977 | 168 | 62 | 2835 | 22 | 428 long | 54°N moderate | oligotrophic | dimictic | 9 | 41,43,44 |
| 7 | Manicouagan | Canada | 1968 | 214 | 142 | 1940 | 73 | 2961 long | 51°N moderate | oligotrophic | monomictic | 6 | 41,43,44 |
| 8 | Nuozhadu | China | 2014 | 262 | 24 | 320 | 74 | 159 intermediate | 23°N tropical | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 39,41 |
| 9 | Three Gorges | China | 2003 | 175 | 39 | 1084 | 36 | 30 intermediate | 31°N sub-tropical | eutrophic | polymictic | 30 | 41,43,49 |
| 10 | Volta | Ghana | 1965 | 134 | 148 | 8500 | 17 | 1452 long | 6°N tropical | eutrophic | polymictic | 3 | 41,43,44 |



ESI Table 2 Sensors installed on the MINIBAT and their specifications.

| Parameter | Producer | Principle | Measuring range | Accuracy | Resolution | Response time |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Pressure | ADM Elektronik | piezo-resistive | 0 - 200 dbar | ±0.1 dBar | 0.005 dbar | 0.04 s |
| O₂ | ADM Elektronik | Potentiometric (Clark electrode) | 0 - 150% sat | ±2% sat | 0.02% sat. | 3 s (63%) |
| Temperature | ADM Elektronik | Pt 100 | -2 - 38°C | ±0.01°C | 0.001°C | 0.12 s |
| El. conductivity | ADM Elektronik | 7-pole-cell | 0 - 6 mS/cm | ±2 µS/cm | 0.1 µS/cm | 0.05 s |
| pH | AMT GmbH | Potentiometric (Ag/AgCl) | 0 - 14 pH | 0.02 pH | 0.02 pH | 1 s (63%) |
| H₂S* | AMT GmbH | Amperometric | 0 - 10 mg/L | ±3% | 0.03 mg/L | <3 s |
| Chlorophyll <i>a</i>** | Turner designs | Fluorescence (exc. 465 nm / fl. 696 nm) | 0.03 - 500 µg/L | | 0.01 µg/L | 1 s |
| CDOM*** | Turner designs | Fluorescence (exc. 325 nm / fl. 470 nm) | 0.15 - 1250 ppb _{QS} | ±5% | 0.01 ppb _{QS} | 1 s |
| Turbidity | Seapoint sensors, Inc. | Mie backscattering | 0 - 750 FTU | ±2% | < 0.001% | 0.1 s |
| PAR (400-700 nm) | LI-COR® | Photon flux density | 0 - 10 mmol/(s*m ²) | ±5% | 0.01 µmol/(s*m ²) | 10 µs |

*The H₂S sensor did not operate stable and was not used during data evaluation. **Calibrated against algal monoculture of *Skeletonema costatum*. ***Calibrated against Quinine Sulfate in 0.05 M H₂SO₄.

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